

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 19, 2015**

PRESENT: Don Patterson, Nanci Howard, Garret Harlow, Al Torizzo, Erin Hurlburt, Cate Corwin
Others: John Krukar, Steven Romano, Steven Romano, Jr, Jack Romano, Chuck Fennimore

Don Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

IN A MOTION made by Al Torizzo, seconded by Garret Harlow, it was VOTED to adjust the agenda to address item under *New Business: Boy Scout discussion with John Krukar and Steven Romano*. Voted unanimous.

In beginning the discussion of the relationship with Goshen Recreation Commission, Camp Cochepiane, and the Boy Scouts (Troop 35) and Goshen Cub Scouts, John Krukar gave a history of the major contributions Boy Scout Troop #35 have given to the Camp. The first camp-out took place back in 1988, and he reported on the many that took place in the ensuing forward years to date. Nine (9) Eagle Scout service projects took place there over the years. The acres encompassing the Camp have been vastly improved by the Boy Scouts, with clearings, and trails made for other users as well as activities by the Scouts. Don Patterson commented that being able to rely on the Boy Scouts for future needs of camp ground improvements is a bonus for the town. Steven Romano, Jr. reported that one of the planned projects for the Camp is an "open pavilion" (floating) and other new improvements. Steven Romano, Sr. questioned if the Tunxis Scout Sign can be hung inside the lodge and was advised that it can. Nanci Howard further advised that per established policy, there is no charge for non-profit organizations to conduct meetings and exercises at Camp Coch.

IN A MOTION made by Erin Hurlburt, seconded by Nanci Howard, it was VOTED to address Old Business on the agenda. Voted unanimous.

Old Business:

Camp Coch Maintenance:

Chuck Fennimore offered input on the Camp Maintenance issues. The split rail fence on the perimeter of the camp grounds is in bad need of repair. It was decided that this would be done in the spring of 2016.

The EXIT signs are not lighting. Erin Hurlburt will contact several electric equipment wholesalers and get price estimates for repairs.

A window in the West Wing is very loose within the frame. Chuck will try to fix it, and advise if he cannot complete the task.

The outhouse and headquarter buildings are in need of a staining. This will be scheduled for spring 2016. The snowblower will be stored in the headquarter building. Two (2) line-making machines, along with baseball equipment were found in storage. Ownership will be investigated.

A discussion was held on the need for use of the tractor at the camp. It was noted that often times, Chuck uses his own equipment, such as a leaf-blower. Al Torizzo asked Garret Harlow if there were some town equipment that can be borrowed.

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Cracks along the walls by the ceiling inside the lodge are in need of repair; several floor tiles have become loose and need to be tightened down.

Vacuum:

IN A MOTION made by Cate Corwin, seconded by Al Torizzo, it was VOTED to allocate up to \$500 (from the Camp Lodge Maintenance line) for the purchase of a maintenance vacuum cleaner. Voted unanimous.

Mat Service:

A discussion took place on the need for new floor mats in the lodge. It was decided that all four (4) doors would require a mats. Mats measuring 4ft x 6ft, commercial grade would fit where needed. Erin Hurlburt will obtain quotes and will bring them to the next meeting.

Outside Lights:

Some of the outside lights around the lodge are out. Erin will advise how many lights need to be replaced/repaired. Costs will be compared with “timers” and other upgraded safety-type lighting.

Rental Agreement and Cleaning Fee:

A discussion took place regarding the “rental agreement fees and follow up cleaning fees (\$50.)”. The rental fee revenue goes into the “General Fund” of the town. Nanci Howard stated that past practice was that the \$50 clean-up cost was derived from the overall rental fee - \$250 as stated in the rental agreement. The cleanup fee check (from the renter) was written out directly to the custodian. Discussion ensued regarding Chuck’s clean-up pay being included in the Recreation Department budget. The Commission discussed attaching a drop-box for the renter to leave the keys to the lodge upon completion of their event. The renter will have assumed the duties of clean-up, as per the rental agreement list, with the dropping of the keys as the last duty. It was agreed that clean-up fees need further discussion and will be on the agenda at a future meeting.

American Legion Plaque:

Erin Hurlburt showed pictures to the Commission, as requested from the last meeting.

IN A MOTION made by Al Torizzo, seconded by Cate Cornwin, it was VOTED to allow the hanging of the American Legion plaque. Voted unanimous. (Chuck will do the hanging in the appropriate place.)

IN A MOTION made by Nanci Howard, seconded by Cate Corwin, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Cate Corwin, seconded by Al Torizzo, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting as corrected. Voted unanimous. (The name of Garret Harlow in the 3rd paragraph was misspelled.)

Programming Report:

Field Hockey – There was an away game last week; a home game will be played this Saturday, October 24, 2015. Program going very well.

Soccer – The scrimmage game with the team from Morris went great. Another scrimmage with Morris is scheduled.

Archery - The kids were very enthusiastic participating in the William Tell Challenge. This group of archers are very “into” archery.

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Abundant Circle – Three (3) children participate regularly; Monika made arrangements with two (2) other children.

Kickin-Kids – So far, there are five (5) children. The program runs for seven (7) weeks, beginning Thursday, October 29th. No adults have signed up thus far.

Town Halloween Party – will be held at Camp Coch on Friday, October 30, 2015; donations are flowing in, gift cards are being gathered and volunteers are stepping up to participate.

Mohawk Ski Program – the program is in the beginning stages; the kids take lessons first and then are allowed free ski time on the slopes.

New Business:

10% Program Contracts - A discussion was held on the 10% contract, relative to insurance. Insurance is a requirement. This program will be discussed at a future meeting.

IN A MOTION made by Al Torizzo, seconded by Garret Harlow, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Recording Secretary